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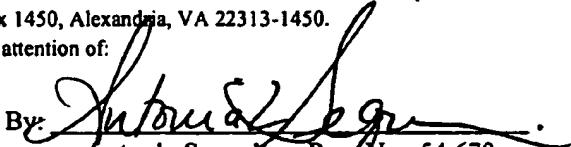
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RESPONSE (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2006 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Response therefore is timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4. Remarks begin on page 10.

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